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MICHELLE BUSK: My name is Michelle Busk. I

24 lived in California until 1993. My little brother died when

25 he was eight, from the bomb testing in Nevada. My cousin died

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1 probably about 20 years later, from the same thing, a uterine

2 tumor, strontium 90.

3 There are many, many reasons not to bring this

4 nuclear waste to Nevada, one being that there is no safe way

5 to transport nuclear waste; the second being that there is no

6 safe place to put nuclear waste. And the most important is

7 that we should not be producing anything that does not go

8 away, that the earth does not -- that cannot be, you know,

9 biodegradable by the earth. That we are killing ourselves and

10 our future generations.

11 Cancer is an epidemic, and it is not only caused

12 by the chemicals in our food, but it's caused by the constant

13 radiation that we are being subjected to in lots of different

14 ways, including spacecraft that reenter the atmosphere and

15 have plutonium in them. I know that the United States right

16 now has been constantly testing plutonium underground. We all

17 have to drink the same water and breathe the same air, so this

18 is not safe for anyone on the planet.

19 Now, if the East Coast or anyone wants to use
20 nuclear power, then they should have to store it in their own
21 backyard. However, I think that we should not be using
22 nuclear power at all. And I am really adamant about the fact
23 that private corporations produce nuclear power and we pay for
24 the clean up, for the transportation; we pay with our lives,
25 our grandchildren's lives, and our children's lives, and we
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1 will pay with our great, great grandchildren's lives.

2 And it infuriates me that this goes on, that
3 there is nothing that we can do about it, and that there is a
4 Department of Energy that does not take care of the people of
5 the United States, but is working for the corporations. And
6 that's how I feel about the government too, that they are not
7 working for us, they are working for the corporations, and
8 that is why this is allowed to go on.

9 And I also feel like the United States is ready
10 and has the backing, now that Bush is the president, to go
11 dirty up the rest of the planet with our nuclear power plants
12 that are produced by General Electric, and et cetera,
13 et cetera. These corporations are making money and we are
14 paying. And we are not being protected.

15 I guess that's it.

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16 I was in, I believe, Yerington, in a McDonald's
17 parking lot, when a truck pulled in with a nuclear waste cask
18 on it. And I knew it when I saw it, what it was. It was not
19 marked. It was marked with all these danger, danger, danger
20 signs, but I have never seen anything carried in a nuclear
21 waste cask but nuclear waste, and it was not marked nuclear
22 waste.

23 Our railroads are junk. I've been back East on
24 the railroads. They are junk. It's like traveling on a bumpy
25 old road. There is just no way to carry this stuff safely or
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1 store it safely, and I think it's a horrible shame the way the
2 United States Government always stores their most filthy crap
3 on or around Indian reservations or in the most beautiful
4 parts of the west.

5 And I'm not the only one that's opposed to this,
6 although a lot of people didn't show up. There are a great
7 deal of people that don't even have any information on what's
8 going on. They don't know anything about it, or they would be
9 here, too. Because, of course, the corporations, afore-named,
10 also own the media.

11 Thank you.